

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 and 11 are allowed.

Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. New claim 12 is added herein and corresponds to "objected to" claim 10 written in independent form. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 also distinguishes over the cited art.

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 are currently pending.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 7-9 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER NAGAO ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,653,993) IN VIEW OF HASHIMOTO ET AL. (JP-11-065523)

Claim 7 is amended herein to recite adjusting a number of sustain pulses in the different voltage waveforms according to a weight of luminance set for the at least one sustain period of the corresponding sub-field, reciting features that are somewhat similar to those recited in allowed claim 1. Nagao and Hashimoto, both individually and in combination, fail to teach this feature. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not render claim 7 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The above comments are specifically directed to claim 10. However, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 and 11 are allowed and that claim 10 is allowable.

IV. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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